

HOUSE BILL No. 6734

November 19, 2008, Introduced by Rep. Pastor and referred to the Committee on Energy and Technology.

A bill to amend 1939 PA 3, entitled

"An act to provide for the regulation and control of public and certain private utilities and other services affected with a public interest within this state; to provide for alternative energy suppliers; to provide for licensing; to include municipally owned utilities and other providers of energy under certain provisions of this act; to create a public service commission and to prescribe and define its powers and duties; to abolish the Michigan public utilities commission and to confer the powers and duties vested by law on the public service commission; to provide for the continuance, transfer, and completion of certain matters and proceedings; to abolish automatic adjustment clauses; to prohibit certain rate increases without notice and hearing; to qualify residential energy conservation programs permitted under state law for certain federal exemption; to create a fund; to provide for a restructuring of the manner in which energy is provided in this state; to encourage the utilization of resource recovery facilities; to prohibit certain acts and practices of providers of energy; to allow for the securitization of stranded costs; to reduce rates; to provide for appeals; to provide appropriations; to declare the effect and purpose of this act; to prescribe remedies and penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,"

(MCL 460.1 to 460.10cc) by adding section 10dd.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 10DD. (1) A UTILITY SHALL NOT CHARGE A LATE PAYMENT
2 CHARGE UNTIL AT LEAST 30 DAYS AFTER THE SERVICE FOR WHICH THE
3 CUSTOMER IS BEING CHARGED IS RENDERED.

4 (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "LATE PAYMENT CHARGE" MEANS A
5 FINANCE, SERVICE, CARRYING, OR PENALTY CHARGE THAT IS ASSESSED BY A
6 UTILITY BECAUSE A BILL OR PORTION OF A BILL IS DELINQUENT.